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TO AMEMBASSY SOFIA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: PROGRAM FOR SECRETARY DENT'S VISIT

REF: SOFIA'S 442, 30 MARCH 1974

1. LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 29 BULGARIAN EMBASSY HERE GAVE US
DRAFT OF PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR SECRETARY DENT AND PARTY WHILE
IN SOFIA. APRIL 10 AND 11 AND APRIL 15. DRAFT CONTAINED
NUMBER OF CONFLICTS AND WE GAVE BULGARIANS COUNTER PROPOSAL
APRIL 1. SCHEDULE WE ARE PROPOSING IS AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 10 (WED) 1300 ARRIVE SOFIA AIRPORT

1330 ARRIVE GRAND HOTEL SOFIA AND SAY GOOD-
BY TO BULGARIAN OFFICIALS WHO ESCORTED
PARTY IN FROM AIRPORT

1345 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HERZ AND OTHER
EMBASSY OFFICIALS AT AMERICAN EMBASSY.

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1500 OFFICIAL TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY DENT
AND MINISTER NEDEV. SECRETARY WOULD
BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. BENNETT, MR.
BOWDEN, AND MR. ARMITAGE.

1830 CALL ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PROF.
IVAN POPOV. SECRETARY WOULD BE
ACCOMPANIED BY MR. BENNETT, MR. BOWDEN,
AND MR. ARMITAGE.

2000 RECEPTION IN HONOR OF SECRETARY
DENT HOSTED BY IVAN POPOV. (UNDER-
STAND THIS MAY NOW BE MIN.FOR.TRADE.)

APRIL 11 (THURS) 0800 BREAKFAST HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR
HERZ FOR SECRETARY DENT AND
MESSRS. BENNETT, BOWDEN, AND
ARMITAGE. (THIS IS SIMPLY A COUNTER
PROPOSAL TO THE 1100 HOUR BRUNCH
AT THE EMBASSY THAT WAS IN THE
BULGARIAN SCHEDULE. THE AMBASSADOR
SHOULD FEEL UNDER NO OBLIGATION.
HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY DOES WISH
TO HAVE LUNCH ON BOARD THE PLANE
AFTER LEAVING SOFIA.)

0900 CALL ON PRIME MINISTER STANKO
TODOROV. SECRETARY WILL BE
ACCOMPANIED BY MESSRS. BENNETT,
BOWDEN AND ARMITAGE.

1030 VISIT TO A PLANT OF SEC "ISOT".

1200 DEPART SOFIA FOR BUCHAREST

APRIL 15 (MON) 1000 ARRIVE SOFIA AIRPORT

1015 CALL BY SECRETARY DENT AND MESSRS.
BENNETT, BOWDEN AND ARMITAGE ON THE
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. (VRANYA
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1030 SIGNING OF CONSULAR AGREEMENT BY
P. MLADENOV, FOREIGN MINISTER, AND
AMBASSADOR HERZ. (VRANYA PALACE)

1045 CALL BY SECRETARY ON CHAIRMAN OF
STATE COUNCIL TODOR ZHIVKOV.

SECRETARY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY
MESSRS. BENNETT, BOWDEN, AND
ARMITAGE. (VRANYA PALACE)

1200 DEPART SOFIA (PREPARED TO CONSIDER
DELAY TO 1230 IF REALLY NECESSARY.)

2. OMISSION OF BULGARIAN-HOSTED LUNCH ON APRIL 10 EXPLAINED
TO EMBASSY HERE AS BEING NECESSITATED BY SHORT STAY OF
SECRETARY IN BULGARIA AND HIS DESIRE TO HAVE AS MUCH TIME AS
POSSIBLE FOR SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WITH BULGARIAN COUNTER-
PARTS. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RENEWING ITS EFFORTS
WITH OFFICIALS THERE TO ELIMINATE THE LUNCH.

3. LADIES SCHEDULE COULD BEGIN AT 1400 HOURS IF LUNCH
ELIMINATED.

4. VISIT OF REMAINING MEMBERS OF PARTY TO MT. VITOSHA
MORNING OF APRIL 15 WHILE SECRETARY AND PARTY VISITING
ZHIVKOV IS ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED THE GROUP CAN BE BACK AT
THE AIRPORT NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON, ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE
SCHEDULED DEPARTURE, SO THAT PARTY CAN BE ON BOARD AIRCRAFT
WHEN SECRETARY RETURNS. A SOMEWHAT CLOSER ALTERNATIVE
MIGHT BE LAKE PANCHEREVO. RUSH

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